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Applicant recognizes that in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 1302.14, the Examiner's reasons for allowance need not set forth all of the details as to why the claims are allowed. In the above-referenced application, Applicant does not concede that the Examiner's stated reasons for allowance are the only reasons for which the claims are allowable. Furthermore, the claims may be patentable for other reasons. In addition, dependent claims 3-14 and 16-20 are allowable on their own merits, and are allowable on the basis of a sub-combination of the recited features of the dependent claims and their respective base claims.

In addition, Applicant notes that the Amendment filed January 19, 2005 stated "Shendon '082 also fails to teach a fluid contacting and pressing the substrate against a polishing pad". However, this was the language from claim 1 from prior to the amendment. After the amendment, claim 1 recited that "fluid to flow from the passage to press the substrate against the polishing pad."

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